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SUBJECT: STORY OF ALLEGED U.S. EMISSARY TO BRAZIL

1. JANUARY 20-26 ISSUE OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPER CRITICA
CARRIED STORY ALLEGEDLY BASED ON RADIO VATICAN TRANSMISSION THAT U.S. PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY; AN UNNAMED
SENATOR, HAD BEEN SENT TO 20 CAPITALS OF LATIN AMERICA,
INCLUDING BRAZIL, TO ANNOUNCE U.S. MILITARY ACTION
IN 1975 AGAINST MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. JANUARY 26
ISSUE OF JORNAL DO BRAZIL PICKED UP ON SAME STORY
STATING THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD DENIED VISIT BUT
ADDING THAT CARDINAL ARMS, ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO,
HAD CONFIRMED MEETING WITH HIGH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC
SOURCE WHO WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR U.S. ACTION. JORNAL
STORY STATED, "PRESIDENT FORD'S EMISSARIES HAVE BEEN
IN BRAZIL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS QUERYING BUSINESSMEN,
POLITICIANS AND CLERGY IN BRASILIA, RIO AND SAO PAULO."

2. FONMIN TOLD AMBASSADOR (WHO WAS SEEING HIM ON OTHER MATTERS) THAT HE HAD TOLD JORNAL DO BRASIL THAT THE STORY WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND THAT PRES. GEISEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD SEEN NO SUCH EMISSARY. EMBASSY, IN RESPONSE TO

PRESS QUERIES, HAS DESCRIBED THE STORY AS COMPLETELY WILD.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DETAILS OF VATICAN RADIO TRANSMISSION, IF IN FACT THERE WAS ONE, AND ANY OTHER IDEAS DEPT MAY HAVE AS TO ORIGINS OF STORY. CRIMMINS

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